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Applicants : Christopher R. BUTLER, *et al.*

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Examiner : Richard L. RAYMOND

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Response "A"

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, (hereinafter the "Office Action") Applicants submit the present response that is filed together with a petition for an extension of time. No amendments are hereby introduced.

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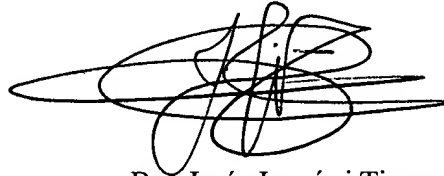
Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conferences of March 5, 2003, in which Applicants' representative requested clarification on the species referred to in the Office Action and on the criterion used to classify such species. In the Examiner's reply, Applicants were directed to identify a type of compound for the purpose of suggesting a search direction in light of the plurality of compounds that fall within the scope of claim 1.

In response to the Examiner's direction, Applicants identify without prejudice as follows: $n = 1$, G is an optionally substituted C_3 alkyl, R^7 and R^8 are taken together to form an optionally substituted 6-membered heterocyclic ring, such as an N-substituted pyridinyl, R^2 is hydrogen and the dashed line is absent, R^5 is H, and R^6 is hydrogen. Accordingly, an optionally substituted propyl links in such identified structure the N of an optionally substituted piperidine group with an N of an optionally substituted pyrazolo group that is fused with an N-substituted cyclic group, such that the optionally substituted pyrazolo group and the N-substituted cyclic group form a 4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl. A fully named compound that exemplifies this identification is provided, for example, in Application, p. 48, *ll.* 7-8, and is recited, for example, in claim 62, *ll.* 9-10.

In light of the absence at this stage of an identification in the Office Action of any entity on which an election could be based, Applicants reserve the right to traverse any such election/restriction requirement until the time Applicants are notified of any concrete group classification for election purposes, if one were eventually asserted.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the present Response to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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